

REMARKS

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated January 22, 2007 (hereinafter, "the Office Action"). In the Office Action dated October 6, 2006, the pending claims were restricted as follows:

- Group I. Claims 61-69, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 347; and
- Group II. Claims 1-60, drawn to a process of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 778.

In response, Applicants elected Group II corresponding to Claims 1-60, drawn to a process of making a semiconductor device. Applicants further elected the species exemplified in Figure 1B and indicated that Claims 1-28 are readable thereon.

In the present Office Action, it is alleged that not all Claims 1-28 are readable upon the embodiment of Figure 1B. In response, Applicants hereby maintain the election of Group II corresponding to Claims 1-60 and the species exemplified in Figure 1B. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-6 and 11-15 are readable thereon and direct the Examiner's attention to the present application on page 12, lines 21-29 and page 13, lines 4-5 discussing a cumulative process.

It is Applicants' understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim (currently Claim 1 is considered generic), Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the recitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

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Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested. Should the Examiner have any concerns regarding Applicants' election, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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